

Alan K. McFarlane, 78

Alan K. McFarlane, 78, Aberdeen, died Saturday, August 28, 2004, at his residence.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Aberdeen, with Fr. Brian Simon as Celebrant. Burial will be 1 p.m. at the Groton Union Cemetery, including Masonic Rites, with Miller-Huebl Funeral Home, Aberdeen, in charge of arrangements. A public prayer service was held Monday, with the Rev. Jais Tinglund officiating.



Alan K. McFarlane was born September 1, 1925, to Eli W. and Alma E. (Voy) McFarlane, Groton. He attended school there and graduated from Groton High School in 1943. He moved to Aberdeen that year and attended Northern State Teachers College and then worked as a machinist at Hub City Iron Co. He served in the South Dakota State Guard, until the end of World War II. He worked for Spaulding Auto Co. and Sears Roebuck Co., until 1958. He returned to Northern State Teachers College in 1959, after which he established McFarlane Radio and Television Service. In 1973, he became associated with Radio Shack Corp. and established a Radio Shack Dealer Store in Aberdeen, which he operated until his retirement in 1988.

He had many interests, including wood and metal working, amateur radio, bird watching, reading, astronomy, photography, antique radio and automobile restoration, and played several musical instruments. He formed a small musical group that entertained at nursing homes in the Aberdeen area. He particularly enjoyed classical music and had a large collection of recorded music. He was concerned about environmental protection of natural resources, and was a member of the Sierra Club and The Nature Conservancy.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Aberdeen, Masonic Lodge 38, Fraternal Order of Eagles and Yelduz Shrine Temple. He was a member of Yelduz Temple Band and past cochairman of the Yelduz Shrine Circus. He was a past member of Aberdeen Chapter 14 and Damascus Commandry of York Rite, 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, Loyal Order of the Moose, Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, and 20-year member of the National Federation of Independent Business.

He married Judith K. Kimball, August 29, 1980 in Aberdeen.

He is survived by his wife of Aberdeen; three children, Lori (Mancel) Brandenburger, Forbes, ND; Heather (Paul) Wedell, Ellendale, ND, and Andrew (Terriann) Kimball, Big Lake, Minn.; three sisters, Merle Chambers, Citrus Heights, Calif.; Eileen Daly, Loomis, Calif., and Ardis Keating, Sacramento, Calif.; one brother, Donald McFarlane, North Highlands, Calif., and grandchildren, Alexander, Gustave, Joshua, Isabel, Andrew and Tharald.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one sister.

Casketbearers were Morris Dockter, Lee Schinkel, Carlyle Richards, Paul Wedell, Robert Webb and Mancel Brandenburger.

Memorials may be made to Yelduz Temple Transportation Fund or Shriners Hospital for Children, Yelduz Temple, 802 S. Main St., Aberdeen, SD 57401.